†[مجھ لگتا کہ وہ جواب غلط دے رہے ہیں۔ اور ابھی تک جواب صحیح نہیں دے رہے ہیں۔]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Kindly sit down. Mr. Minister, please answer the relevant question now.

मौलाना ओबेदुल्ला खान आजमी: जवाब में पोलिटिकल जवाब नहीं देना चाहिए। जवाब सही देना चाहिए क्योंकि आप देश के मिनिस्टर हैं। पोलिटिकल जवाब मत दीजिए।

†[مولانا عبید اللہ خان اعظمی: جواب میں پولیٹیکل جواب نہیں دینا چاہیئے۔ جواب صحیح دینا چاہیئے۔ کیونکہ آپ دیش کے منسٹر ہیں۔ پالیٹیکل جواب مت دیجئے۔]

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: I am sorry about it. Don't feel like that.

I do realise the importance of child labour in it. The involvement of child labour in it is a very serious problem, and the Task Force is seized of the matter. The Task force is looking into the question as to how far it is possible to avoid totally the child labour and also to see how far pollution of the water can be avoided. These are the very big problems before the Task Force. It is looking into them. We hope we shall be able to remove these two difficulties about child labour and about pollution of water. We are constantly trying to remove these difficulties.

† [ ]Transliteration in Arabic Script

Big Industrial Houses in Community Development Programmes

*422. SHRI J.S. RAJU:†
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether some of the big industrial houses have started taking interest in community development programmes in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) (श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल॰): (क) सरकार को ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में सामुदायिक विकास कार्यक्रमों में बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों की विशेष भागीदारी के बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: सभापति महोदय, "क", "ख" एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जा रहा है।

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: There is no statement available, Sir.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Where is the statement?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The written reply is there. Please read out the written reply.

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: "क" सरकार को ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में सामुदायिक विकास कार्यक्रमों में बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों की विशेष भागीदारी के बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

"ख" प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

SHRI J.S. RAJU: The reply clearly shows that the big industries have scant regard for community development. Will the Government come forward to initiate steps to impress upon the industrial houses to take care of the rural area development?

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: वैसे सभापति महोदय, आयकर जो अधिनियम है इसकी धाराओं में आयकर की 100 प्रतिशत छूट दी गई है। इसलिए उद्योगपति जो

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri J.S. Raju.

आना चाहते हैं वे आ सकते हैं और ऐसा हमने निमन्त्रण भी दिया है।

SHRI J.S. RAJU: What is the answer, Sir? (*Interruptions)* Sir, is it proper for the Hon. Minister to give such an answer? It is not at all a reply.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Sir, we know what provisions are contained in the Income-tax Act. The question is what you are going to do.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you restate the question in a simpler way so that the Minister understands?

SHRI J.S. RAJU: My question is already very simple. I will repeat it. The reply clearly shows that big industrial houses have scant regard for the community development. This is a fact. My question is, will the government come forward to initiate steps to impress upon the big industrial houses to take care of the rural development? It is very simple.

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: सभापति महोदय, शुरू में मैंने जवाब दिया है और आयकर में छूट इसलिए दी गई है कि औद्योगिक घराने इसमें दिलचस्पी लें और इसीलिए आय कर में भी यह छूट दी गई है।

SHRI J.S. RAJU: This is also very simple to understand, Sir. I would like to know whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Industry had made certain recommendations in this regard. If so, what is the response from the Government side?

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: And what are the recommendations?

SHRI J.S. RAJU: Yes. What are the recommendations? You kindly spell out.

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: जो सिफारिश जस्टिस भगवती के नेतृत्व वाली समिति द्वारा की जाती है इस सिफारिश पर विचार करके गवर्नमेंट द्वारा इसमें मंजूरी दी जाती है।

SHRI J.S. RAJU: Sir, what are the recommendations? Will he state any one or two recommendations in the House? *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: What are the recommendations, Sir? The Standing Committee has made certain recommendations. What are those?

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: सभापति महोदय, कोई भी एसोसिएशन अथवा संस्था एवं स्थानीय प्राधिकरण अथवा सरकारी क्षेत्र की कंपनियां ऐसी परियोजना तैयार कर सकती है जो लोगों के समाजिक, आर्थिक कल्याण और उत्थान के लिए हो। ऐसे प्रस्तावों पर विचार कर गवर्नमेंट द्वारा स्वीकृति दी जा सकती है।

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the hon. Minister is aware the then Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi had said that out of Rs. 100 which the Government was spending on rural development, community development, etc., only 10 to 15 per cent reaches the really needy people. In view of this, will the Government consider some kind of a pilot project along with the private sector because my information is that the efficacy of private sector sponsored community development is more than the Government sponsored community development? So, my question is: Will the Government consider a pilot project along with some private sector who are in this community development field so that the money reaches the needy in greater proportion than what is happening today?

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य के सुझाव पर हम जरूर विचार करेंगे।

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am not so much worried about the problems of the community development but a process of community non-development, a community retrogression that is taking place in the country. In the name of export promotion and promotion of expert of agricultural products, private capital is penetrating into the countryside squeezing out innocent and vulnerable sections of our villagers and taking over the land. Now, this is a very serious matter. I would like the Government to

pause for a moment and think about the process that has been unleashed because you know that we are interested in defusing the problem of growth all over the country and at least the Government on record should protest that it is also interested in the problems of the poor. But what is happening in the name of export promotion, the export of marine products, the export of commercial crops, etc., etc., is a total squeezing of hundreds and thousands of small agricultural workers and migrant labourers. Would the Government kindly inquire into these issues?

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: सभापति महोदय, ऐसी कोई बात आएगी तो हम इसका पता लगाएंगे।

श्री अजीत जोगी: सभापति महोदय, माननीय मंत्रीजी ने यह बताया कि औद्योगिक घरानों को सामुदायिक विकास का कार्य करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया जा रहा है, यह बड़ी अच्छी बात है। मैं उनसे जानना चाहता हूं कि ये औद्योगिक घराने जब सामुदायिक विकास के काम में लगेंगे तो क्या आप उनको कुछ मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत देंगे या कोई ऐसे निर्देश जारी करेंगे कि वे जहां काम करें, उनमें पिछड़े इलाकों, खास तौर से आदिवासी और पिछड़े इलाकों में काम करें और पैसा लगाएं, ऐसी प्राथमिकता वह दें। ऐसे निर्देश क्या सरकार उनको देगी?

श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल: सभापति महोदय यह बड़ा अच्छा सवाल है। 120 पिछड़े जिलों में उद्योगपति इस काम में लगें, ऐसे हम मार्गदर्शन करेंगे सहयोग भी करेंगे।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 423.

Strength of Rashtriya Rifles

*423. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:†
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of the Rashtriya Rifles;

(b) whether sanction has recently been granted to increase its strength;

(c) if so, whether the strength has actually been increased and if so, by how much;

(d) what is the total targeted strength of the Rashtriya Rifles for the near future; and

(e) to what extent the load on the Armed Forces has come down because of the deployment of the Rashtriya Rifles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

In 1990, the CCPA had accorded approval to the sanction of 15 Battalions of Rashtriya Rifles (RR), 5 Sector Hqrs., A Directorate General Rashtriya Rifles and allied establishments, over the authorised manpower ceiling of the Army. The raising was to be completed in three phases. In first phase in 1990-91, 6 Battalions of RR and 2 Sector Hqrs. with some allied establishments were raised. However, due to funds constraint, the 2nd and 3rd phase raisings could not be completed as scheduled.

In August 1994, in view of the situation prevailing in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, the strength of RR was augmented by 30 additional battalions, 10 Sector Hqrs, one Counter-Insurgency Force Hqrs and other support components. Some restructuring of the support elements was also done. The additional units/formations of the Rashtriya Rifles have been sanctioned for a period of theree years. Raising of these additional units/formations has been completed.

At present there is no proposal under consideration for further augmenting the strength of Rashtriya Rifles battalions.

The Rashtriya Rifles have been able to take over the responsibility of combating militancy in many sectors in the State of J&K and the North East. Operation

† The question was actually asked on the on the floor of the House by Shri Jagir Singh Dard.